

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed:

1           1.       A method of accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL)  
2   comprising the steps of:  
3           receiving input of a RL, said RL corresponds to a resource;  
4           soliciting input of search terms where said RL is invalid;  
5           receiving input of said search terms;  
6           searching a predetermined index of valid RLs in accordance with said search  
7   terms;  
8           presenting a list of all valid RLs in said predetermined index that correspond to  
9   said search terms;  
10          receiving selection of a RL from said list; and  
11          retrieving and displaying content from said selected RL.

1           2.       The method of claim 1, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource  
2   locator (URL).

1           3.       The method of claim 1, wherein said resource comprises a resource  
2   accessible via the Internet.

1           4.       The method of claim 1, wherein said search term comprises a wildcard  
2   representing a predetermined plurality of characters.

1           5.     The method of claim 1, wherein said search term comprises a wildcard.

1           6.     The method of claim 5, wherein said search term is representative of a  
2 range of values.

1           7.     The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of retrieving and  
2 displaying content from said resource where said RL is valid.

1           8.     A method of accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL)  
2 comprising the steps of:

3                 receiving input of a RL, said RL corresponding to a resource;

4                 determining if said RL is valid;

5                 soliciting input of a RL search string where said RL is invalid;

6                 receiving input of said RL search string; and

7                 searching a predetermined index of valid RLs in accordance with said RL search  
8 string to determine valid RLs that meet criteria specified by said RL search string.

1           9.     The method of claim 8, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource  
2 locator (URL).

1           10.    The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of displaying a list of  
2 valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string.

1           11.    The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of receiving a  
2   selection of a RL specified by said list of valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search  
3   string.

1           12.    The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of accessing and  
2   displaying content from a resource associated with said selected RL.

1           13.    A method of selecting a resource locator (RL) comprising the steps of:  
2   receiving input of a RL, said RL corresponding to a resource;  
3   determining if said RL is valid;  
4   generating a RL search string where said RL is invalid; and  
5   searching a predetermined index of valid RLs in accordance with said RL search  
6   string to determine valid RLs that meet the criteria of said RL search string.

1           14.    The method of claim 13, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource  
2   locator (URL).

1           15.    The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of displaying a list of  
2   valid RLs that meet the criteria of said RL search string.

1           16.    The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of receiving a  
2   selection of a RL on said list of valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string.

1           17.    The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of accessing and  
2   displaying content from a resource associated with said selected RL.

1           18.    A system for accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL)  
2   comprising:  
3           controller for receiving a RL search string from a user device;  
4           memory associated with said controller for storing a list of valid RLs; and  
5           said controller is further configured to search said list of valid RLs to determine  
6   valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string.

1           19.    The system of claim 18, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource  
2   locator (URL).

1           20.    The system of claim 18, wherein said controller is further configured to  
2   generate a list of valid RLs meeting criteria of said RL search string.

1           21.    The system of claim 20, wherein said controller is further configured to  
2   forward said list of valid RLs meeting said criteria to said user device.

1           22.    The system of claim 21, wherein said controller forwards said list of valid  
2   RLs to said user device via a network.

1           23.    The system of claim 18, wherein said RL search string comprises a  
2   wildcard character representing a predetermined character.

1           24.    A system for accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL)  
2    comprising:  
3           controller for receiving a RL from a user device;  
4           memory associated with said controller for storing a list of valid RLs; and  
5           said controller is configured to generate a RL search string where said RL is  
6    determined to be invalid; and  
7           said RL search string comprises a wildcard.

1           25.    The system of claim 24, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource  
2    locator (URL).

1           26.    The system of claim 24, wherein said controller is further configured to  
2    search said list of valid RLs in accordance with said RL search string to identify valid  
3    RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string.

1           27.    The system of claim 26, wherein said controller is further configured to  
2    forward said list of valid RLs meeting said criteria to said user device.

1           28.    The system of claim 27, wherein said controller forwards said list of valid  
2    RLs to said user device via a network.

1           29.    The system of claim 24, wherein said wildcard represents a predetermined  
2    character.